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SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENT U.S. MINE TOURS FOR OCP MINING ENGINEERS

ATTN: AF/N AND BUREAU OF MINES

1. MOROCCAN MINING ENGINEERS RACHID BALAFREJ AND MOHAMED BELHANDORIA WILL BE REPRESENTING OFFICE CHERIFIEN DES PHOSPHATES (OCP) AT ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF COMPUTER APPLICATION IN MINERALS INDUSTRY (APCOM), COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES, GOLDEN COLORADO, APRIL 8-12, 1974. AFTER SYMPOSIUM, DURING WEEK OF APRIL 15, THEY ARE INTERESTED IN VISITING SEVERAL MINES IN KENTUCKY AND NORTH CAROLINA, TO STUDY EQUIPMENT AND METHODOLOGY WHICH MIGHT BE APPLICABLE TO PHOSPHATE EXTRACTION HERE. MINES ARE (1) DRAKE MINE, PEABODY COAL COMPANY, DRAKESBORO, KENTUCKY, (2) HOMESTEAD MINE, PEABODY COAL COMPANY, BEAVER DAM, KENTUCKY, AND (3) LEE CREEK PHOSPHATE MINE, TEXAS GULF SULPHUR COMPANY, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA.
2. IN VIEW IMPORTANCE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OCP, AND EXPORT PROMOTION ASPECT THESE VISITS, EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT BUREAU OF MINES ARRANGE THEM ASAP(FOR EARLY PART OF WEEK, IF POSSIBLE). BALAFREJ AND BELHANDORIA BOTH SPEAK GOOD ENGLISH. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THEIR REGISTRATION AT APCOM SYMPOSIUM.
3. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.PARKER

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